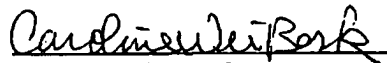


**CONCLUSION**

Applicants have made an earnest effort to place this application in condition for allowance. Applicants respectfully request the withdrawal of the rejections and the issuance of a notice of allowance of the pending claims 1-5, 8-9, 16-19 and 21-26.

In the event that issues remain prior to allowance of the noted claims, the Examiner is invited to call Applicants' undersigned attorney to discuss any remaining issues.

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